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| RE: application no. 09/692,346; docket no. AUS9-2000-0632-US1 | |

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No. 39 / 692 346 First Named Applicant: Giles Roger Frazier
Examiner: Bradley E. Edelman Art Unit: 2153 Status of Application: OA issued

Tentative Participants:

(1) Stephen R. TALS (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 2/9/04 Proposed Time: 2:00 (AM/PM) EST

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) | Claims/ Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
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☒ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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In re application: Frazier et al.

Serial No.: 09/692,346

Filed: October 19, 2000

For: Method and Apparatus for
Reliably Choosing a Master Network
Manager During Initialization of a
Network Computing System

Group, Art Unit: 2153

Examiner: Edelman, Bradley E.

Attorney Docket No.: AUS9-2000-0632-US1

AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

I would like to request a telephone interview on February 9, 2004.

Please consider the following proposed amendment:

1. A method in a node within network computing system for selecting a master subnet manager, wherein the node is ~~associated with a first priority~~; the method comprising:

sending requests from a first node to the network computing system to discover other nodes within the network computing system, wherein the first node contains a subnet manager and is associated with a first priority;

responsive to receiving a response to one of the requests from ~~another~~ a second node within the network computing system, wherein the response includes a second priority and wherein the another node within the network computing system contains a subnet manager;

identifying a comparing the second priority from the request to the first priority;

shifting the first node to a standby mode if the second priority is higher than the first priority; and

shifting the first node to a master mode if no response is received from any node containing a subnet manager and a priority higher than the first priority and if all nodes in the network have been discovered discovery of the other nodes within the network computing system is complete.

Please consider the following topics for discussion:

- Nacimi and Haley, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest selecting a master subnet manager.
- Nacimi and Haley, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest discovering nodes in a network computing system that contain a subnet manager.

The Examiner is invited to call at the below-listed telephone number to confirm or reschedule the requested telephone interview.

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